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CNG FILLING STATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has identified twelve cities and directed the Government to supply CNG in these cities to reduce pollution;

(b) if so, the cities which have been identified by the Supreme Court;

(c) whether Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has also identified some areas apart from the above twelve cities, for supplying CNG;

(d) if so, the details of cities that have been identified by GAIL in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the extent to which the Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines help in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The Hon`ble Supreme Court has identified 17 cities for development of city gas projects, based on the pollution level. Out of these, city gas projects have been implemented in Delhi and Mumbai. In two more cities - Jharia and Jodhpur - pollution is not because of vehicular pollution. Therefore, the remaining 13 cities, as given below, have been taken for development of city gas distribution based on the pollution level.

1. Agra
2. Lucknow
3. Kanpur
4. Varanasi
5. Pune
6. Faridabad
7 Patna
8. Ahmedabad
9. Sholapur
10. Hyderabad
11. Bangalore
12. Kolkata
13. Chennai

(c) & (d): GAIL has identified the following cities in vicinity of existing pipeline infrastructure/ proposed upcoming pipelines as business fit case, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh, are as under:

1) Allahabad
2) Bareilly
3) Jhansi
4) Mathura
5) NOIDA
6) Navi Mumbai
7) Gwalior
8) Indore
9) Ujjain
10) Rajamundry
11) Vijayawada
12) Rajkot
13) Surendranagar
14) Kota
15) Vadodara

(e): Government of India has enacted the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 and notified the `Policy for

Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City Natural Gas Distribution Networks` to provide a legal framework for development of infrastructure and for attracting investment in the sector. Development of city gas project depends on availability of gas, infrastructure and commercial viability.